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3 In Re: Application of: **Allen Berger, Jr.**

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4 Parent Application Serial No: **10/244,842**

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Examiner: **Canfield, Robert J.**

6 Atty. Docket No. **230199**

7 Title: **"SURFACE MOUNT WINDOW FOR DOORS"**

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9 **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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21 **Papers included:** Preliminary amendment.

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30 Please amend the above referenced application, using the revised
31 format.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant agreed to cancel, without prejudice, claim 1 in the parent application Serial No. 10/244,842 filed on September 17, 2002, so that a patent could issue promptly for the indicated allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 3. Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the limitations (internal and external frame assemblies) of claim 2. Applicant is continuing prosecution of claim 1 under this continuation application. None of the references cited in the Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) teach a transparent panel having the peripheral underside of a peripheral flange member in contact against the external surface of an opening in a panel.